Infectious Diseases (Ireland) Bill.

MEMORANDUM.

The object of the Bill is to assimilate the law in Ireland to that in England so far as regards the notification of cases of infectious disease, and the steps to be taken with the view of preventing the spread of such disease through the medium of day schools.

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Make further provision towards the prevention of Infectious Diseases in Ireland.

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BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 **1.** The Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, shall extend to and take effect in every urban, rural, and port sanitary district, whether that Act has or has not been adopted therein, and for the purposes of this enactment the expressions "local authority" and "district" in the said Act shall include a port sanitary 10 authority and a port sanitary district respectively in Ireland.

Extension of 52 & 53 Vict c. 72.

2.—(1) Where a medical officer of health receives a certificate under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889, relating to a patient who is attending a school as a pupil, he shall, within twelve hours after receiving the same, send a copy thereof to the school 15 authority, and the sanitary authority of the district in which the school is situate shall pay the medical officer of health a fee of *two shillings and sixpence* in respect of the copy so sent.

Certificates (52 & 53 Vict. c. 72) to be sent to school authorities.

(2) Every medical officer of health required by this section to send a copy of a certificate, who fails forthwith to send the same, 20 shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding *forty shillings.*

3.—(1) Where a medical officer of health considers it necessary with the view of preventing the spread of infectious disease that any day school should be temporarily closed, or 25 that pupils from any house or premises should be excluded from attendance at any such school, the sanitary authority of the district in which the school is situate or any two members thereof,

Notice by sanitary authority to school authority.

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acting on the advice, in writing, of such officer may serve a notice on the school authority—

(*a*) requiring the school to be closed for a time to be specified in the notice; or

(*b*) requiring any pupil from any house or premises named in the notice to be excluded from attendance at the school for a time to be specified in the notice.

(2) If such notice is not complied with, the school authority shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding *forty shillings* for every day during which default in compliance is made. Provided that the school authority may, after complying with such notice, if they deem the same unreasonable, appeal to the Local Government Board for Ireland, and that Board may make such Order in the matter as they think proper, and the same shall be binding and conclusive on all persons.

Expenses.

4. Any expenses incurred by a sanitary authority in the execution of this Act shall be paid as part of the expenses of such authority in the execution of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1896, and in the case of a rural authority shall be general expenses.

Interpretation.

5. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

The expression "school authority" means the head master, proprietor, or manager of the school, or other person having such control over the management of the school as would enable him to comply with any requirement under this Act of the sanitary authority; and

The expression "medical officer of health" includes a medical superintendent officer of health.

Short title and extent of Act.

6. This Act may be cited as the Infectious Diseases (Ireland) Act, 1905, and shall extend to Ireland only.

Commencement of Act.

7. This Act shall come into operation on the *first day of January nineteen hundred and six.*

Repeal.

8. The enactments specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed as regards Ireland to the extent mentioned in the third column of that Schedule.

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SCHEDULE.

Enactments Repealed.

Session and Chapter.	Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
5 52 & 53 Vict. c. 72.	The Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889.	In section two, the words "after the "adoption thereof." Section five.

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Presented by Mr. Long,

supported by

Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland.

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